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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of:

Atsushi Matsunaga et al.

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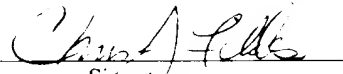
For: BASE CLOTH FOR TUFTED CARPET AND
TUFTED CARPET USING THE SAME

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AMENDMENT AND REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated November 19, 2002, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel claims 1-13. Please add new claims 14-22:

14. (New) Base cloth for tufted carpet, wherein the base cloth is constituted by nonwoven fabric made of filaments formed of poly lactic acid based polymers, wherein the filament has a round cross-section selected from a group of side-by-side, islands-sea